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SUBJ: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EC DUTIES ON CERTAIN VEGETABLES

1. HIGH GON MINAG OFFICIAL HAS ADVISED US THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING CONVENED PM AUGUST 23 TO CONSIDER EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND IMPORT DUTIES ON CERTAIN VEGETABLES AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS:

(A) THE LIST OF VEGETABLES WAS PARED DOWN TO INCLUDE ONLY FRESH AND CHILLED (0 DEGREES CENTIGRADE - AS OPPOSED TO FROZEN) CAULIFLOWER, WHITE AND RED CABBAGE, PEAS INCLUDING PEAS IN POD, CARROTS AND BLAKE CELERY.

(B) EC COMMISSION WAS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK THE NECESSARY FORMAL, BUT IN THIS CASE MOSTLY PROFORMA APPROVALS FROM MEMBER CAPITALS, BY 6 PM AUGUST 25 TO ENABLE ABOVE NOTED VEGETABLES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28 THROUGH SEPT 30, 1976.

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2. AS BACKGROUND MINAG SOURCE INDICATED THAT SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES,

NOTABLY GERMANY, HAD WANTED TO EXPAND LIST OF VEGETABLES BYOND THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY EC COMMISSION WHILE OTHERS WERE OPPOSED TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, AND HENCE THE COMPROMISE TO DROP ONIONS AND BEANS FROM EC COMMISSIONS LIST AS WELL AS CUCUMBERS AND CERTAIN OTHER VEGETABLES PROPOSED DURING THE MEETING BY THE GERMANS.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE PURELY COINCIDENTAL THAT CURRENT SUSPENSION OF IMPORT DUTY ON POTATOES ALSO EXTENDS THROUGH 30 SEPT. TRADE AND OFFICIAL SOURCES BELIEVE THIS WILL ONCE AGAIN BE EXTENDED AND SAME WOULD MOST PROBABLY HAPPEN WITH VEGETABLES.  
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